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The man who talks the least tells the fewest lies. The silent man wins every time. Hurrah for Judge Parker!

One of the election inspectors for the sixteenth precinct of Hillsboro county has the suggestive name of Swindle. But he won't do it, we are sure.

Ocala Banner.—The University of Florida opened with two hundred scholars. This is the highest enrollment in its history. Its future is extremely bright.

Local musical artists of Jacksonville have gone on a strike and resolved that they will furnish no more free music for any occasion. That's right and doubtless the suffering public will rejoice.

Hons. S. M. Sparkman, Jos. H. Humphries and Dr. J. C. Pelot will address the people in the city hall on next Tuesday evening. They should be heard by every one who feels an interest in the welfare of this section.

Ocala Banner.—The inoculation of the soil, which can be done for one cent per acre and which will serve the same purpose of \$40 worth of fertilizer, is one of the greatest of modern discoveries and makes the world owe another great debt of gratitude to science.

St. Petersburg Sun.—The Tampa Times and the Punta Gorda Herald are moving earnestly in an effort to get muller hatcheries established along the Gulf Coast. Any movement to add to the supply of food fish deserves encouragement, and we commend this one to the friendly consideration of the public.

Gen. Kuropatkin says that his fricas with the Japanese along the Shakh river from Oct. 9th to 15th was the most pleasant war in which he has ever been engaged. With 20,000 of his men wounded and as many slaughtered, it must have been pleasant indeed, especially as it took his best to get the balance of his army away from the river alive.

It must be acknowledged that, from a strictly political standpoint, Brother Appleyard, of the Lake City Index, has decidedly the best of the argument in the discussion of the Holloway-Wolfe State Committee matter. But what is a man to do whose conscience obstinately forces him to view things from a moral standpoint? Must moral convictions give place to political obligations?

HEILANT FLORIDA GIRL.  
Miss Alice T. Appleyard, the talented daughter of Col. Thos. J. Appleyard of Lake City, and city editor of his paper, the Index, who has made quite a success of literary work, both in newspaper and magazine fields, has now branched out as a song writer. Her first production is a song and chorus entitled Miami—and the publishers were so impressed with its merits and selling qualities that they have made the first edition 5,000 copies. The song is neatly printed and carries on its title page a pretty scene on the Miami river. This musical composition—an Indian love song—will undoubtedly find ready sale in Florida this winter. It will be a fine souvenir for tourists to send to their friends. Times-Union "Short Talks."

VALUE OF A FISH HATCHERY.  
On another page the Times prints an article on the subject of the establishment of a fish hatchery in this vicinity. In such an article it is impossible to make room for many interesting facts bearing directly on the matter in hand. Allusion is made to the immense profits derived from fish culture as conducted by the government. We desire to quote a sample: Prior to thirty years ago the shad and striped bass of the Atlantic coast waters were entirely unknown on the Pacific side of the country. They were introduced by the fish commission at a total cost of \$5,000. That was all that was expended, each being

### A GENTLE REMONSTRANCE.

For weeks past, the country newspapers have devoted a great deal of space to advertising the Jacksonville Carnival and the South Florida Fair. For this, the only recompense they have is the gratitude of the newspaper men of Tampa and Jacksonville, who are back of these two great undertakings and who have given to them both personal effort and a vast amount of free advertising. They are to be commended for their self-sacrificing, unselfish and successful labors in behalf of their respective cities. Verily, they are the salt of the earth.

Of course, the Carnival and the Fair will attract attention to Florida and prove of indirect, if not direct benefit to the entire State, but Tampa and Jacksonville will get the direct, first and biggest benefit. Each city will receive thousands of dollars in return for its enterprise, for both the Carnival and the Fair are now assured successes and are sure to attract multitudes of people, who will spend a large amount of money while visiting these two metropolitan cities.

The success of the two great enterprises is due in largest measure to the support and free advertising given them by the country newspapers.

The rural press has done this for Tampa and Jacksonville. Now, what have Tampa and Jacksonville done for the rural press?

The two cities get about all of their wholesale trade and a large amount of retail patronage from the territory of the country newspapers, which, for a month or more past, have been laboring without recompense for the success of the Carnival and the Fair.

Considering the circumstances, one would expect to see these country newspapers filled with advertisements from Tampa and Jacksonville, but they are not. On the contrary, the business men of the two cities, the very men who receive the greatest benefits from the gratuitous advertising given, persistently refuse, though solicited, to give decent patronage to the country newspapers. Although they see the value of advertising in outside papers shown by the now assured success of their Carnival and Fair, to say nothing of thousands of other examples that might be given. The business men of Tampa and Jacksonville, with few exceptions, manifest no appreciation whatever of those agencies which are powerful toward building up their business interests.

Here is DeSoto county, for example, which is pouring thousands of dollars every week into Tampa, and the total amount of business which Tampa is giving to DeSoto county papers is scarcely twenty-five dollars per month. The Herald, for instance, has four Tampa advertisements, which pay a total of \$5.00 per month; whereas, it should have twenty, aggregating \$50.00 a month.

Under the circumstances, it is not unkind to ask where is the obligation to give all this free advertising to Tampa and Jacksonville, who enjoy the admiration and warm friendship of their rural brethren, the country papers would be under no obligation to give, free of charge, week after week, as they are doing, whole columns to "booming" the Carnival and the Fair; and if they did not do this, it is safe to say that those two great enterprises would not attract very much attention in Florida.

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### IT WILL BE GRAND.

In addition to the fact that sixteen counties of South Florida will be represented at the South Florida Fair and Midwinter Exposition, Tampa, November 14 to 25th, inclusive, by the highest class exhibits of all the products ever collected in this state, the carnival and amusement features will be on a grander scale than those of any fair ever held in the South, excepting possibly the Cotton States Exposition held in Atlanta a few years ago. The space necessary for accommodating the marvelous attraction to be seen on the Midway or Pike is more than a half-mile in length and 200 feet in width. The finest attractions of the St. Louis Fair, Congo Island and from other famous fairs and resorts have been drawn upon for these features. Not less than fifty fine shows have already been engaged and at least twenty-five will be added to this number.

D. B. Curtis-Tinsmith.  
Shop opposite Bateman House, Punta Gorda. Will do tin roofing, guttering, galvanized and sheet iron work and general repairing of all kinds in this branch and guarantee all work guaranteed and done.

## SPEAKING, TUESDAY NIGHT.

Messrs. Sparkman, Humphries and Pelot will Address the People.

According to announcement, Hon. S. M. Sparkman, Democratic candidate for congressman, will address the people of Punta Gorda and vicinity in the city hall on next Wednesday evening. As loyal Democrats, we should all turn out and give him a rousing reception.

It is known that the Republican nominee has attacked Mr. Sparkman's official record, and now that the latter's time to speak has come, every one should hear what he has to say in defense. The assurance may be given that he will show to the satisfaction of all the injustice of all the criticisms made upon him and will convince these people that he has done for them all that any one else in his position could have done. He will also outline what he proposes to undertake in our behalf when he goes back to Washington. Upon the whole, our interest in the matter of deep water and the prospect of getting it, should insure for Mr. Sparkman the biggest audience of the campaign.

Besides this distinguished friend of ours, Hon. Jos. H. Humphries and Dr. J. C. Pelot are expected to be on hand and present their respective claims for the State senatorship. All of these gentlemen are entitled to a careful, respectful hearing, and we are sure that it will be given them.

Let everybody attend the speaking Tuesday night.

### CITIZENS' MEETING.

Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday Evening to Nominate Local Officers.

In response to invitations which had been mailed to each individual, probably seventy-five citizens met in the city hall on Wednesday evening of last week for the purpose of nominating officers to be voted for at the approaching municipal election.

The meeting was called to order by A. F. Jordan. Hon. F. M. Cooper was selected as the chairman and R. K. Seward secretary. In a neat little speech the chairman explained the object of the meeting.

A petition, which had been previously circulated, pledging the signers to support for municipal office only such candidates as would honestly endeavor to suppress all forms of vice and crime, was read, including the names of the signers.

When Chairman Cooper announced that nominations for mayor were in order, Rev. T. J. Purdie, in a brief, but pointed talk, presented the name of M. V. Williams, cashier of the Punta Gorda Bank, who was unanimously nominated.

Will Johns was also nominated without opposition for the office of marshal. After nominations were as follows: Clerk, R. L. Earnest; treasurer, W. A. Roberts; collector, Chas. Smith; councilmen, F. K. Adams, Clayton Porter, C. L. Fries and R. K. Seward. Later Mr. Porter declined to serve, Mr. R. C. Blount has been selected in his stead.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Purdie, was adopted:

"Resolved, that the candidates nominated at this meeting accept on the understanding that they do so with the determination of carrying out the purposes set forth in the petition signed by the citizens and read in this meeting."

Attest: F. M. Cooper, Chairman.

R. K. SEWARD, Secy.

### STORM SKIPPED PUNTA GORDA.

That Caribbean storm passed northward across the Gulf a good many miles west of Punta Gorda. A vast amount of surplus wind from the East Coast hurrying to the storm, passed here and caused a suspension of all shipping operations from Friday until Tuesday morning. For four days, the waters of the lower bay were so rough that no phosphate could be loaded on the waiting vessels.

The wind began to come in gusts on Thursday, of last week, and on Friday it became a gale. It steadily increased in velocity until Monday noon, when it reached its height, the barometer stood at 29.9. That night it subsided and on Tuesday there was nothing more rapid than a breeze.

Very little rain accompanied the wind and it was mostly mist. In fact it did not rain until Sunday and then only enough fell to lay the dust. Monday there was more rain, and gentle, but soaking showers on Tuesday.

For four days and nights, northeast storm signals were displayed from the tall, steel flag-staff on the bay shore. No damage of a serious character was done by the gale in this locality. The houseboat City of Louisville broke from her moorings at Mr. McAdow's private dock on Saturday and was driven against the dock of the Consolidated Co. Here she was secured by Mr. E. C. Smith.

A sharp named for Mr. Smith and belonging to his fish company, lost her mainmast in Matlacha inlet on Monday. During the high wind that afternoon, the auxiliary yacht "Gary" came across the bay in the teeth of the gale. She used a reefed mainsail to steady her, while her propeller labored with the raging waters. It took her some time to get back to the shore, but she was not damaged.

morning, it came up to within a few inches of the floor of the railroad dock. This was caused by the wind veering around and blowing from the southwest. Tuesday morning boats were dispatched from here to the fishing grounds below to see what damage had been done and to afford any relief that might be needed. On their return they reported no serious damage at the camps or to the boats. Many boats had their sails torn by the wind. The two Violas, the Biloxi schooner belonging to John Savarese and the Punta Gorda sharpie belonging to the Florida Fish and Produce Co.—each lost a mainsail. The Nina, of the latter company's fleet, dragged her anchor, Monday, and went aground on Useppa, but was easily hauled off and came up here Tuesday night.

### ALL ABOARD FOR JACKSONVILLE

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For the Great Carnival at Jacksonville October 24-29, inclusive, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell round trip tickets at rates one first-class fare plus 25 cents; tickets to be sold October 24-29th inclusive and for trains arriving Jacksonville before noon October 29th.

The carnival this year will be given on a grander scale than ever. Principal features will be the grand floral parade and coronation of the King and Queen of the Carnival on October 24th; Military parade and exhibition drills by Troop H. Seventh U. S. Cavalry, the crack company of the U. S. Army; band concerts, chariot races and aerial acrobatic performances twice daily in the Stadium.

The "Pike" will contain a gorgeous array of attractions which have been selected with great care and rank among the best that ever came into the south.

Don't miss the opportunity to visit the Metropolis of the State and see the great show. Ticket Agents Atlantic Coast Line can tell you about it.

W. H. Leahy, D. P. A.  
W. J. Craig, G. P. A.  
T. C. White, D. P. A.

### Business Notices.

New lot Calico, Gingham, Percales, and Madras just arrived at Earnest's.

Go to Earnest's and see those men's new fall suits which have just arrived.

Don't forget to read our ad. in today's paper.—J. R. Elliott.

Head gear, the very latest styles for ladies, misses and children, at J. R. Elliott's.

We have opened up one of the most complete and noblest lines of ladies' misses' and children's shoes, that it has been our pleasure to show you and the prices are very reasonable. Come and take a look.—J. R. Elliott.

We have two special numbers in black suits at \$17.00 and \$18.00 in unfinished worsted and doeskin, suitable for young, middle-aged or old men, at J. R. Elliott's.

Brand new line of flannel, mercoized, and black sateen shirt waists; come and see them quick.—J. R. Elliott.

Just received, a brand, spanking new line of trunks and dress suit cases; come and see them.—J. R. Elliott.

Mackintoshes or rain coats \$3.00, 7.00 and \$10.00 at J. R. Elliott's.

All the new fall goods are in; call and see them at Earnest's.

It will pay you to see our goods and compare our prices with any city before buying. We can save you money at Earnest's.

You will find some special attractions in New Fall Goods at Earnest's.

### Notice to the Public.

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### HORSESHOE LUCK.

A Superstition Common to Nearly All Races and Nations.

The origin of belief in "horseshoe luck" is so ancient that it never has been determined with certainty. Ever since horses began to wear shoes those crescents of iron have been accounted lucky emblems of all peoples, races and nations that have been acquainted with their use.

The Chinese, for instance, say they nail them up over their doors as a charm against evil spirits because of the close resemblance in shape between them and the arched body of the sacred snake, Nagendra, one of their principal deities.

Ask a Turkish Mohammedan for information on the subject and he will tell you that it is because they are in form like a crescent, the sacred emblem of Islam.

A Polish Jew will explain that at the passover the blood sprinkled upon the lintel and doorposts, in the manner directed by their ritual, forms the chief points of an arch; hence, obviously, the value of arch shaped talismans such as horseshoes are.

The stolid and unimaginative Russian peasant, on the other hand, maintains that the luck associated with the horseshoe is due chiefly to the metal, irrespective of its shape, iron being traditionally a charm wherewith to nullify the malevolent designs of evil spirits and goblins.

Very different is the story by which the Irishman seeks to account for his liking for the same talismanic symbol. The name "Ironland" or "Ireland," he will tell you, originated as follows:

The whole island was once submerged in the sea, out of which it only rose once in seven years, and then only for a very short time. Many attempts had been made to break the spell and induce the country to remain permanently above the waters, but all were vain until one day a daring adventurer threw a horseshoe from a boat on to the topmost peak of the Wicklow mountains just as they were disappearing beneath the waves. Then at last the land began forthwith to rise again from the ocean depths into which it had sunk. And it has been dry land—more or less—ever since.

In England, up to comparatively recent times, horseshoes were extensively used almost everywhere as anti-witch charms, and the custom is not even yet an extinct one. No witch, it used to be said, could enter a building over the door of which a horseshoe—or, better still, three horseshoes—had been affixed, prongs downward.

The origin of this particular belief is referable to the old legend of St. Dunstan. This versatile English ecclesiastic was a skilled farrier, and one day while at work in his forge the evil one entered in disguise and requested Dunstan to shoe his "single hoof." The saint, although he at once recognized his malign customer, acceded, but caused him so much pain during the operation that Satan begged him to desist. This Dunstan did, but only after he had made the evil one promise that neither he nor any of the lesser evil spirits, his servants, would ever molest the inmates of a house where a horseshoe was displayed.

### A Dutch Fishing Village.

At Marken, a fishing village of Holland, few men are to be seen, as they are nearly always out at sea in their boats. Those whom one does see are like Dutchmen in a play, in queer headgear, in the most voluminous knickerbockers that ever delighted the eye of a caricaturist and having on clattering wooden shoes, which are, as a coasting skipper once said, the surest preventive of colds and of "cold feet" (which he spoke of as if they were a disease) to be found in the world. Clumsy enough these Dutch fisher folk look, but they are handy in a boat. But there is agriculture, too, of a simple kind at Marken. Not a man usually is to be seen working in the hay harvest or at other employment in the fields. The women do the farm work.

Had Tried Electricity.  
A New York senator relates that he was riding in a car next to a motherly old lady, who asked him a question. He answered, but found the old lady very deaf. He repeated his answer in a shout, and conversation was thus established. "You are very deaf, aren't you, madam?" belittled the senator. "I am so," she replied, "and haven't been able to do a thing for it."

"Have you ever tried electricity?" asked the senator. "Yes," she said, nodding vigorously. "I was struck by lightning last summer."

As His Wealth Grew.  
Ascum—Have you seen anything of Jiggins lately?

Dr. Swellman—Yes, I just prescribed a trip to Europe for him this morning. Ascum—Is that? He's getting wealthy, isn't he?

Dr. Swellman—Well, I can remember when I used to prescribe for him simply a dose of sodium bromide for the same complaint.—Philadelphia Press.

Spelled His Chance.  
"Yes, she rejected him because of a bad break he made when he was proposing to her."

"What was that?" "He told her she was 'one in a thousand.' She thinks she's one of the Four Hundred."—Philadelphia Ledger.

### A Change of Dates.

Mrs. Dearborn—Were you married in June?  
Mrs. Wabash—Yes, once on the 5th once on the 8th, once on the 10th and another time on the 16th; but I've switched off to October; that's my marrying month now.—Yonkers Statesman

Willing, but Hampered.

Rich Callier (who is making the round of the tenement districts)—Well, I must go now. Is there anything I can do for you, my good woman?  
The Other (of the submerged)—No, thank you, mem. It mustn't mind it, mem, if I don't return the call. I haven't any time to go aleemins' me-self.—Chicago Tribune.

### Prompter.

Mrs. Frances—When do you actors at the theater draw your pay?  
Boarder—I am not an actor at the theater, madam. I'm prompter there.

Mrs. Frances—Well, you'll have to be prompter here, too, or find another boarding house.—Kansas City Journal.

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